

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 815
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, April 1, 2010, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 171, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to elementary and secondary education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 171, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 171.015, and 171.017, to read as follows:

171.015. 1. The board of education of any school district, upon adoption of a resolution by the vote of a majority of all its members to authorize such action, may adopt a year-round educational program for the public schools of the school district. The vote shall take place at a public meeting of the board of education.

2. The school calendar for a school district that has adopted a year-round educational program shall include an opening date and ending date for the school year.

3. Upon adoption of a year-round educational program, the board of education shall notify the commissioner of education within seven business days.

4. Any school district that adopts a year-round educational program shall meet all other educational requirements.

5. For purposes of this section, the term "year-round educational program" shall mean an educational program in which all students attend school no fewer than the number of days required for a school term, as provided in subdivision (9) of section 160.011, between July 1 and June 30 of each school year and in which no vacation, including summer, lasts more than four weeks.

171.017. 1. The board of education of any school district, upon

2 adoption of a resolution by the vote of a majority of all its members to
3 authorize such action, may offer two start dates for kindergarten for
4 children who have attained the statutorily required age of eligibility
5 for kindergarten. The school district may group children according to
6 their date of birth to begin kindergarten on one of the start dates.

7 2. Any school district that adopts such a resolution shall offer:

8 (1) One start date for kindergarten that occurs on the opening
9 date of the school year; and

10 (2) One start date for kindergarten that occurs approximately
11 halfway through the school year.

12 3. Any school district that adopts such a resolution shall allow
13 parents to have their child or children start kindergarten on the start
14 date of choice.

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